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### **Mayor Brown Proclaims "Bike to Work Day"** *Greets bike riders at City Hall*

**(Houston, Texas)---** Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown will acknowledge National Bike Month by greeting local bicycle riders as they complete a six-mile ride from Rice University to City Hall in celebration of Bike to Work Day 2002. The Bike to Work Day 2002 bike ride will begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 17, 2002 at Rice University and finish at City Hall where at 9:00 AM Mayor Brown will greet the riders and proclaim Bike to Work Day 2002 in Houston.

During the lunch hour around the City Hall reflection pool, citizens and ride participants are invited to attend free bike safety inspections offered by local bicycle shops. The Houston Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit will also be offering free bike rider safety tips. Other health and fitness information will be available from a variety of sources for both cyclists and non-cyclists.

Mayor Brown stated, "By participating in the Bike to Work event, citizens can help increase the awareness in our community of a healthy, non-polluting alternative transportation mode. Bicycling can bring us closer as a community while promoting exercise and reducing short trips by motor vehicles."

Rice University is located at 6100 Main and City Hall is located at 900 Bagby. Riders should gather at Exit 12 at Rice University. Parking at Rice University is limited; therefore ride participants are encouraged to arrive early.

For more information concerning the Bike to Work Day 2002 ride, contact Lilibeth Andre, City of Houston Bikeway Program Coordinator, at (713) 837-0003 or visit [www.houstonbikeways.org](http://www.houstonbikeways.org) and click on "Events".

The City of Houston Bikeway Program, in partnership with the Houston Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, sponsors Bike to Work Day 2002. National Bike Month is declared each year by the League of American Bicyclists, a non-profit bicycle safety and education association.

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